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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Office Action dated November 15, 2004. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following comments. Claims 19-22 have been withdrawn from consideration.

The Examiner has asserted that an election must be made between Group I (claims 1-5, 8, 11-14, 16 and 19-22), directed to a balloon, and Group II (claims 19-22), directed to a method of making a balloon catheter. Applicant hereby elects Group I, without traverse.

Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Issuance of a Notice of Allowance in due course is requested. If a telephone conference might be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at (612) 677-9050.

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